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PARLIAMENTS UNITED IN COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Joint meeting of the Regional Groups C and F

Palais de l'Europe (room 14), Strasbourg

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Organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

DRAFT PROGRAMME



Venue: Council of Europe

Palais de l'Europe, Room 14, Strasbourg

Working Languages:

English, French, Spanish, Russian (in the afternoon)

09:00 Opening of the meeting

 Ms Carmen Quintanilla, Contact parliamentarian for Spain, Regional Coordinator, Group C

> Chair: Ms Carmen Quintanilla, Contact parliamentarian for Spain, Regional Coordinator, Group C

RECOMMENDATION REC(2002)5 OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO MEMBER STATES ON THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE

09:15 Recommendation Rec (2002)5: presentation of the legal aspects and the monitoring of the implementation of the Recommendation of the Council of Europe

Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director of Standard-setting, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

Questions and discussion

PRESENTATION OF PRIORITY MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED BY PARLIAMENTS: EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGN

09:40 The seven priority measures to be adopted by parliaments

Presentation by Mr José Mendes Bota, PACE Rapporteur on "Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women": mid-term assessment of the campaign

Questions and discussion

10:00 Making domestic violence against women, including marital rape, a criminal offence

Presentation by Ms Maria Rosa Ferrer Obiols, Contact parliamentarian for Andorra

Questions and discussion

10:15 Regarding violence perpetrated between (former) partners as an aggravating circumstance

Presentation by Ms Carmen Quintanilla, Contact parliamentarian for Spain

Questions and discussion

10:30 Setting up sufficient numbers of safe emergency shelters

Presentation by Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Contact parliamentarian for Turkey

Questions and discussion

10:45 The Mexican "General Law on access for women to a life free of violence"

Presentation by Ms Martha Leticia Sosa Govea, Member of the Mexican Parliament

Questions and discussion

11:00	PACE Plenary Session (Hemicycle): Presentation by Mr José Mendes Bota of his report on "Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women": midterm assessment of the Campaign
13:00	Lunch hosted by Ms Bilgehan, Chairperson of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
	Chair: Ms Martha Leticia Sosa Govea Representing the contact parliamentarian for Mexico, Regional Coordinator, Group F
14:00	Guaranteeing effective access to the courts and to protection measures for victims
	Presentation by Ms Gular Ahmadova, Contact parliamentarian for Azerbaidjan
	Questions and discussion
14:20	The monitoring role of the Parliament
	Presentation by Ms Carmen Quintanilla, Contact parliamentarian for Spain
	Questions and discussion
14:40	ROUND TABLE ON THE LEGISLATIVE WORK FORESEEN IN PARLIAMENTS (Each contact Parliamentarian will be invited to present future plans of Legislative work foreseen for combating domestic violence against women during the implementation of the campaign.)
	Questions and discussion
15:30	CLOSING SESSION
	Presentation of the conclusions of the meeting
	Ms Carmen Quintanilla, Contact parliamentarian for Spain and Regional Coordinator Group C